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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268 POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SERVE ARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(December 19, 1997)

The Postal Service has filed two motions for late acceptance of responses to interrogatories filed by David Popkin and addressed to the Postal Service as an institution.¹ The Postal Service indicates that these responses were delayed due to the press of other discovery and the intervening Thanksgiving holiday. I will grant these motions.

On December 10, 1997, the Postal Service filed an objection to interrogatory DMA/USPS-11 and a motion for late acceptance.² The Postal Service states that the delay in filing the objection was occasioned by the temporary absence of personnel familiar with the requested material. I will grant the Postal Service motion for late acceptance.

¹ United States Postal Service Motion for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of David Popkin, filed December 8, 1997; Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-101, filed December 9, 1997.

Objection of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory DMA/USPS-11 and Motion for Late Acceptance Thereof.

RULING

- 1. The United States Postal Service Motion for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of David Popkin, filed December 8, 1997, is granted.
- 2. The Motion of United States Postal Service for late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-101, filed December 9, 1997, is granted.
- 3. The Postal Service Motion for Late Acceptance of its Objection to DMA/USPS-11, filed December 10, 1997, is granted.

Edward J. Gleiman Presiding Officer